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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

EVIDENCES OF TROUBLE AND DISTRESS IN GERMANY.

BRITISH QUITE READY FOR GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Mr. Lloyd George Points the Way to Victory.

GERMANY STILL RECKONING ON BIG WAR INDEMNITIES.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

MRS. ASQUITH.

GRANTED INJUNCTION AGAINST THE "GLOBE."

The King's Bench has granted Mrs. Asquith an injunction against the "Globe." Counsel said there was not a shadow of truth in the statements made by the "Globe." Mrs. Asquith had never been to Downing Hall and had had no communication with any of the inmates.

THE WAY TO VICTORY.

ALL DEPENDS ON NEXT FEW MONTHS.

December 21, 1:45 p.m.
In the course of his speech on the Ministry of Munitions, in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said an example of the winning power of munitions was given in the battle of Loos, in which everything was destroyed except one machine-gun emplacement in front of which lay hundreds of gallant men. Hence, money spared in munitions was split in blood. The way to victory was for shells to crash through everything, shattering every machine-gun and every yard of barbed wire, and, said Mr. Lloyd George, we cannot turn out too much. Such ideas will not enter the mind of workmen, capitalists and taxpayers until we were able to crash a way to victory. If risks had to be taken, let them be risks to the pockets of taxpayers and not to the lives of men. Proper economy would not reduce the output but the cost.

Everything, said Mr. Lloyd George, depended upon the next few months. The decisions of the last Allied Conference would affect the whole conduct of the war, but the carrying out of them rested with the workmen. He appealed to their patriotism, and said the chance of victory were still with us; our best chance remained. We had accomplished our task to the last letter, we had an overwhelming superiority in the raw materials of war, we had ready access to neutrals, and we had a better cause. But this was the moment of intense preparation—the moment for putting our whole energies at home into preparing for the blow we had to strike abroad.

DISTRESS IN GERMANY.

NO CHRISTMAS CAKES!

December 21, 2:10 p.m.
Every day brings fresh confirmation of the distress being caused in Germany through lack of fat. Owing to the extreme scarcity of butter, the making of Christmas cakes is forbidden. In Saxony no milk is allowed with tea or coffee in the restaurants.

DEPENDING ON IMAGINARY INDEMNITIES.

That Germany still depends on big war indemnities for partial extrication from its financial chaos was admitted by Dr. Helfferich in the Reichstag. The occasion was a speech in which he endeavoured to break in the people to the idea that "war brings us a colossal sum of taxation, no matter how high the assessment may be."

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

BRITISH READY FOR THE GERMANS.

December 21, 2:10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters in France, referring to neutral reports of a big German offensive, says:—"The one place where the ominous warning is regarded with perfect indifference is the British front. A Staff Officer to whom I mentioned the matter smiled and said, 'It is true there has been a lot of coming and going with the Germans lately, but we know exactly the real meaning of it all. You remember the historic General who marched his little Army round and round a hill till the spectacle got on his adversary's nerves, causing a stampede? The net result of what the Germans are now doing resembles this time-honoured trick.'"

OMINOUS SIGNS.

December 21, 2:10 p.m.
A message from Amsterdam states that there has again been great gun-thundering heard in the direction of Ypres. No news is obtainable from the front, but there is still greater railway activity, especially on the part of German hospital trains.

SIR IAN HAMILTON.

NOT RETURNING TO NEAR EAST.

December 22, 11:45 a.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith stated that Sir Ian Hamilton was not returning to the Near East. If any other duties were assigned to him, an announcement would be made in due course.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

ALLIES ARTILLERY ADVANTAGES.

December 20, 4:50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that vigorous artillery engagements, in which the Allies have had the advantage, are again the feature of the communiqué.

ENEMY'S AIRCRAFTS ACTIVE.

December 21, 12:25 p.m.
The Press Bureau publishes a despatch from Headquarters which states:—A heavy reciprocal bombardment took place in the vicinity of Ypres. Opposite the southern portion of the centre line we bombarded several portions of the enemy's trenches. Hostile artillery heavily shelled Ypres and St. Jean. It was also active against our front line and support trenches, also at Zonnebeke, Zandvoorde, Gheluvelt and Tambrielen. An enemy bombing attack on our trenches near the quarries northwest of Hillinch was repelled. There was considerable activity by the enemy's aeroplanes, which attempted to prevent our machines from making reconnaissances, but these attempts were unsuccessful. There were forty-four combats in the air during the day. Two of the enemy's aeroplanes were brought down behind their lines and others driven down apparently damaged. One of our machines is missing.

FRENCH EXPLODE ENEMY MUNITION DEPOT.

December 21, 2:11 a.m.
The latest Paris communiqué reports ever-growing artillery activity. Violent duels have occurred in Artois, particularly in the region of Loos and Givenchy. The French artillery demolished a bridge between Soissons and Rethondes. The French in Champagne dispersed an enemy marching force and smashed a railway much used by the enemy. There is the same activity in Argonne, where the French exploded a munition depot. French aeroplanes also succeeded in destroying a blockhouse bristling with machine guns. A French air squadron effectively bombed the station of Mülhausen.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

BRITISH LOSSES IN MACEDONIAN CAMPAIGN.

December 21, 5:00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Templer said the British casualties in the Macedonian campaign up to the 11th inst. were 32 officers and 1,248 men, of whom only one officer and 36 men were killed.

GREEK AND BULGARIAN TROOPS AT GRIMI.

December 21, 2:15 a.m.
A message from Brussels states that Greek and Bulgarian advance posts have been fighting on the Greco-Albanian frontier in the region of Kozani. Both sides suffered losses in killed and wounded, and Greek reinforcements have been sent to the scene. It is also announced that martial law has been proclaimed at Argyrokastro owing to the discovery of a Bolshevik plot. The latter are reported to be plotting to capture the town of the Peloponnesus.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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General Ruzsky, Commander of the Russian Northern Army, has resigned owing to ill-health.

The Paris communiqué and a report from British Headquarters indicate increasing activity in the West.

The British troops were withdrawn from Suvla Bay and Anzac without the Turks being aware of the fact.

Mr. Asquith hopes to make a statement on Lord Derby's recruiting scheme before the adjournment.

Sir Ian Hamilton's report on the Suvla Bay landing and the subsequent operations is shortly to be published.

Mr. Lloyd George says the decisions of the last Allied Conference will affect the whole conduct of the war.

Trouble and distress are being caused in Germany through lack of fat, the making of Christmas cakes being forbidden.

If risks have to be taken, says Mr. Lloyd George, let them be risks to the pockets of taxpayers and not to the lives of men.

The House of Commons has agreed to a compromise whereby the life of Parliament shall be eight months instead of a year.

Mr. Asquith states that the British withdrawal from Anzac was in pursuance of a decision of the Cabinet made some time ago.

A speech by Dr. Helfferich indicates that Germany still depends on big war indemnities for partial extrication from its financial chaos.

Reuter's correspondent at the Headquarters in France says the one place where the warning of a big German offensive is regarded with perfect indifference is the British front.

According to Mr. Lloyd George, this is the moment of intense cooperation—the moment for putting our whole energies at home and preparing for the blow we have to strike abroad.

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Friday, December 23:
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Saturday, December 24:
Oriental Dry Cleaning
Sunday, December 25:
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THE WORKERS' PROMISE.

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South China Morning Post.

Duration of the War.

Although Reuter still seems to be negligent in reporting the operations in the various scenes of war, one significant item has been permitted to filter through which is worthy of comment. It relates to the announcement in London on Sunday by Lord Derby. The great recruiting organizer said he was convinced that "the statement of the results of recruiting would show that the country was absolutely right, and probably the end of the war would come sooner than many expected." Such a pronouncement by a recognized authority of recruiting lends encouragement to the thought that the heart of old England still beats true, and the response of the men has been worthy of her best traditions.

Daily Press.

Hongkong and the Call for Recruits.

The whole world has watched with deep interest and anxiety the efforts recently made to stimulate recruiting in the British Isles. A large number of people have now reached that stage of mental outlook concerning the war which makes them willing to agree to almost anything that will ensure victory for the Allies as quickly as is possible. So many of our cherished ideals have been shattered, so many of our political theories have been swept aside by the tidal wave which has engulfed Europe, that we are ready to consent to postpone even the approach to a possible millennium to be saved from the present Inferno. Therefore, we keep in mind the one central feature of the present situation, which is that more men are still needed for the far-flung front. It is probable Mr. Willkie Bell, who has been fairly right in his forecasts of recent events, decides it is a certainty that henceforth Germany will be unable to fill the gaps made by the Allies in her ranks. In short, she has passed the point on the curve where the available reserves were greater than, or equal to, the casualties.

China Mail.

Notes and Comments.

We welcome the statement made by the Chairman of the Licensing Board yesterday that "on no occasion is business transacted which could have any interest for the public without the representatives of the Press being present." This statement was made in answer to some remarks which the Chairman stated had appeared in the public Press, to the effect that the representatives of the Press had been required to withdraw when business which would be of interest to the public was to be discussed, and that a common method was to be depreciation or words to that effect. The Hon. Mr. Seager mentioned that in the case which gave rise to these remarks no business was transacted after the representatives of the Press had left. Doubtless, however, in view of the public interest in the matter, references to some measure and its effects have been made to the representatives of the Press, but the influence of the media must not be transacted.

GENERAL NEWS.

Heavy Rain in Madras, Madras, November 21.—The monsoon has burst with a vengeance. Rain has been pouring incessantly for some days and several roads in the towns are under water. It is raining heavily at the time of writing.—"Associated Press."

Ceylon's War Contribution. Colombo, November 20.—The Governor having given formal assent to the war contribution ordinance passed at the Legislative Council, has telegraphed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies a request that the £100,000 may be paid over to the Imperial Government from Colony's balances in London forthwith.

A High Sheriff's Example. The High Sheriff of Lancashire (Mr. Edward Graham Wood) has discontinued for the remainder of his year of office the official dinners at which it is customary for the High Sheriff to eat before the grand jury; and instead has made a contribution of £500 to the funds of the Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Throwing a Centenarian Downstairs. Pittsburgh, November 13.—Mrs. Ellen Harper, who gave her age as a "little over 100 years," appeared in court to-day to prosecute her son-in-law, James Ross, who, she said, had struck her and thrown her down a flight of stairs at their home. The aged woman was found last night by a policeman lying on the sidewalk and so badly hurt it was necessary to send her to hospital. Ross was fined \$25 and costs.

Interesting to Philatelists. The Vicerey of India has presented to the Royal Philatelic Society nine lithographic stones and four engraved copper plates which were used in the production of the first general Indian postage stamps, printed at Calcutta in 1854-55 by Captain (afterwards General Sir Henry) Thullier, Surveyor-General of India, from the designs of Babu Numrudeen.

American Arrested in London. London, November 12.—John Wesley de Kay, of New York, was remanded at Bow Street Police Court to-day on a charge of fraud in France in connection with the supply of rifles to the Belgian Government. Bail was not allowed. The prisoner is said to be an author, and a member of several New York and Boston clubs. In the spring of 1914 he went to Europe on a mission to purchase arms and ammunition for the Government of Provisional President Huerta.

Shortage of Wheat in Mozambique.

Bombay, November 22.—A representation by the Hindu inhabitants of Mozambique has been received by the Bombay Presidency Association in which they complain that owing to the prohibition of wheat export from India, the Hindu inhabitants of Mozambique, who number some 300,000, have been suffering from shortage of food, wheat being their staple food. The Association has been requested to forward the representation to the Government of India.

The Worship of Heaven. It is understood that the 23rd of December has been appointed by the Chinese Government as the day for the Worship of Heaven. The day has been proclaimed as a holiday for the different Government offices and schools. A grand sacrifice will be offered at the Temple of Heaven. The Minister of the Interior has received orders from the President to make things ready against this "solemn occasion." The different Ministers and other Government organs have been ordered each to appoint a number of officials to participate in the sacrifice. Orders have already been sent by the Minister of War, and, mistaking his man, clumsily thrust a £4,000 cheque into his hands at one of their interviews. The Minister took it, and with a meaning smile, said: "Thank you, in the name of the Red Cross!"—and the next day Krupp's donation figured at the head of the Red Cross list of subscribers, while Clemot got the ammunition order.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Fatal Washington Fire. Washington, Nov. 16.—One man was burned to death and three others were probably fatally injured as a result of a fire at the historic Benning Race Track in the suburbs of Washington last night, which in addition to burning 14 of the stables and other structures, burned at least 20 valuable horses to death. Estimates to-day placed the loss at about \$27,000.

Superfluous Alcohol. With the object of utilizing the heavy stocks of alcohol which are at the disposal of the Treasury, and in view of the fact that countries friendly to and allied with Russia are in need of alcohol, the Minister of Finance proposed to the Council of Ministers to-day the export in the near future of about thirty million vedros (eighty-two and a-half million gallons) of alcohol.

Saving the Labour. Messrs. Swan and Edgar have decided not to clean the brass on their shop fronts in Regent street and Piccadilly because they feel that twelve men employed for four hours a day in polishing the brass could turn their time to better advantage. The weather will tone down the brass—it may even look neglected—but it is purposeful neglect in a good cause.

Negro Shot in Illinois. Taylorville, Ill., Nov. 6.—A posse of a thousand men, to-day surrounded in a wood three negroes accused of shooting Guy A. Winters, of Decatur, shot one of the negroes to death and captured a second. The negroes are accused of shooting Winters, who is a Wabash train conductor, when he put them off his train. It is thought that he will recover.

Wireless for Mexico. San Francisco, Nov. 6.—Purchase of five powerful wireless telegraph plants to establish communication between the west coast of Mexico, all parts of the United States and Vancouver, B.C., has been ordered by General Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the Mexican Republic. It was announced here to-day. Stations are to be erected at Mazatlan and Guaymas, and smaller ones at Guadalajara, Manzanillo and San Blas, Mexico.

Krupp's Tip. A member of the diplomatic service vouches for the following incident:—Just before the war, a Balkan State that has always admired and liked France had a big ammunition order to place. Both Krupp and Clemot were out to get it, and competition was keen. Krupp's representative did not know the local Minister of War, and, mistaking his man, clumsily thrust a £4,000 cheque into his hands at one of their interviews. The Minister took it, and with a meaning smile, said:

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BOYLING-ROBINSON.—At Shanghai on December 15, 1915, at H. B. M. Consulate, by Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., Harold G. Boyling, of Bristol, England, to Clara, eldest daughter of Mrs. James Robinson, of Shanghai.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1915.

CHINA AND EDUCATION.

A native paper, the *Yang Shing Pao*, has been addressing its readers in very plain language on the subject of the alleged progress of education in China. It begins—and ends—by denying that progress, and it incidentally points to some very weak spots in the country's new educational system. The number of students, it tells us, is becoming less, and various other calamities are being encountered—all because "not much real work has been done." Our contemporary finds that it is merely names, and not things, that have been changed by the country's attachment to republicanism, and, in short, relates a state of things more or less chaotic. "Those in charge thought they were improving the teaching when they shortened the hours of study or dropped some important subjects. The old classics were forbidden at one time; at another they were considered to be the most important in the curriculum. We have never seen that any zealous improvement has been carried out at all."

Obviously the value of the above statement lies in the fact that it comes from a Chinese and not from a European writer. When we look back on all that has been written about "progressive" China we shall find that somewhere about nine-tenths can be ascribed to foreign authorship, and the odd tenth to ex-mists among the Chinese who, in picking up information about western countries wherein they have sojourned, have lost touch with their own, and really know less about its condition and needs than many Europeans who have resided in it for a reasonable length of time. With all due respect to the foreign-travel fetish, those who understand China best are those who have never been out of it; and we will even make bold to add that those who understand it least are the foreigners who will persist in seeing it only through Western eyes. The missionary, however, good his intentions, sets out with the idea that the teaching is to be all on his side, and the learning on China's, and, to the end of his career, he cherishes very lovingly the belief that all that China can teach us does not amount to much. The result naturally is that much of his life is passed in seeking to foist on the Chinese not only the white man's way of doing things but his very thoughts and point of view. Those Chinese who can be persuaded to act up to his teaching are merely making a bid for a half-and-half, fish-out-of-water mental existence; in other words, they throw away the good things of their fathers' days and are not able to assimilate those which the foreigner has come to offer them; they grab at the shadow and drop the substance.

That there is something like a greed on the part of a large section of the Chinese for a knowledge of Western school subjects, it is not denied. The Chinese, like the British, are a commercially-minded race, and therefore it would be strange if there were not among their number many who have a very shrewd eye to the main chance. To them, familiarity with certain things, once regarded as peculiar to the West, means an increase of income. But this smacking at a knowledge of e.g. engineering or medicine is hardly the same thing as education; moreover those who want to "match" do not represent anything like one per cent, of China's people. Those Chinese who are given to looking squarely and bravely at facts have to admit that the foreigner has brought them but little good, and that the constant imitating of him by many of their own people may be having arrow to the imitation. We do not hanker after a China of the "shanties and 'ardies," a land of closed ports where stranger and enemy were synonymous terms; but the more we see of the Chinese the more strongly do we feel that a foreignised China will

The Cheat

One is glad to observe that the police are keeping a keen eye on the cheating shopkeeper. Yesterday three of these gentrified were brought up at the Police Court—two for using faulty scales and the other for being in possession of a false cloth rule. All were deservedly made to pay for straying from the path of honesty and rectitude, though the fines were, in our opinion, not nearly high enough. The class of trader here dealt with was that whose dealings are solely, or very largely, with Chinese shoppers. That, of course, does not affect the offence one way or the other. But we have before made the point that the ordinary compradores—who practically live on European custom—is all too often guilty of dishonest practices, especially in the matter of giving short weight and/or over-charging to an abominable extent. And these are the men who should be tracked down. The police cannot do everything, and here at any rate is an admirable opportunity for the Food Committee to send round either some of its own members or plain-clothed agents to catch these greedy rogues at their little games. The thing could easily be done if the Committee were only alive to its opportunities.

And the Smugglers

The Chinese who is bent on doing a little opium-smuggling generally manages to display a considerable degree of ingenuity in hiding the drug. Instances in which the forbidden stuff is hidden inside the shoe or wound round the body in cloth are fairly common, just as the old trick of concealing the drug in a false-bottomed trunk or barrel is. Within the past couple of days, however, two further clever wheezes have been revealed in cases which came before the Police Court. In one instance the opium was discovered in a cleverly-contrived tin box made so as to fit close to the body, while in the other the stuff was found to be covered with shrimp paste and was being passed off as such. These are quite typical instances of Chinese ingenuity in smuggling methods, but they are not quite smart enough to trick the police. Remembering the wily folk they are up against, the police certainly do well to make the seizures they do, and they are to be commended for so often catching the smugglers and the drug at one and the same time.

Possession of Explosives

The case of a Chinese woman who was caught in possession of eighteen sticks of dynamite for the alleged purpose of fishing, and was yesterday fined \$50, raises a serious question. Every now and again instances of this kind crop up, and one may be pardoned for wondering how these folk get hold of this dangerous substance. Apart from the possible danger to the possessors themselves, there are good and sound political reasons why the strictest precautions should be taken to prevent explosives of any kind getting into the hands of Chinese. Quite rightly, the use of explosives is here, as at home, against the fishery laws, but the point we wish to make is that the stuff, once possessed, may easily be used for other and even more serious purposes. And it is for this reason that a far closer check than at present exercised should be kept on every ounce of explosive which comes into the Colony.

CR CKET.

Hongkong v. Kowloon.

The following will represent Hongkong in the above match on the Club-ground on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Play will commence at 2.15 p.m. on the 25th and 10.30 a.m. on the 27th. Messrs T. E. Pearce (Capt.), H. N. Anderson, R. E. O. Bird, R. A. Brand, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Grace, R. O. Hutchinson, R. Kennedy, M. M. Mass, H. E. Muriel and J. H. Thomas.

DAY BY DAY.

THE PURITANS RATED BEATING, NOT BECAUSE IT GAVE PAIN TO THE BEAR BUT BECAUSE IT GAVE PLEASURE TO THE SPECTATORS.—Macbeth.

The Weather. At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 50° fine. Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60° fine.

The Mail. English Mail—Due to-day per a.s. Novara. Australian Mail—Due to-day per a.s. Empress.

Siberian Mail—Closed to-day per a.s. Novara.

Canadian and Siberian Mails—Close to-morrow per a.s.

Yokohama 11 a.m.

Siberian Mail—Closes to-morrow per a.s. Shantung 3 p.m.

The Dollar. The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1.00 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 183rd anniversary of the birth of Sir Richard Arkwright, the inventor

Chinese Festival. To-morrow, according to the Chinese Calendar, is the festival of "Tung-chih," or the Winter Solstice.

Voyage Report.

The *a.s. Fricking*, which arrived yesterday from Shanghai, reports fine weather throughout, with moderate North-east wind and sea.

Sir Charles Elliot.

Sir Charles Elliot, Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University, arrived in the Philippines on December 16 on the *Nippon Maru*, and is a guest at the Manila Hotel. Embezzlement Case Remanded. A case in which a man named Fo Shui-wa was charged with embezzling the sum of \$123,000, the money of his employers, Mr. Ho Ling Kee, was brought before Mr. Wood this morning. Mr. Davison applied for a remand, which was granted for a week.

Another Opium Case.

Before Mr. Hazelaid, this morning, a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of opium and also with attempting to export 12 casks of raw Persian opium by the *s.s. Haiching*. He was remanded in bail of \$350. Mr. L. D'Almeida appeared for the defendant.

Harbour Offences.

Before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning, Police Sergeant Edward Bond charged Chan Fo, boatmaster, with unlawfully using drags within the Harbour limits, for the purpose of lifting articles from the bed thereof, on the 22nd inst. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Hidden in His Shoes.

A man was charged by Sergeant Allen, of the Naval Police, this morning with stealing 2 lbs. of red lead, the property of His Majesty's Naval Dockyard. Mr. Hazelaid sentenced him to two months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks. Defendant was caught coming out of the gates with a packet of lead in each shoe.

Damaged Mail.

The Post Office announces that a portion of the mail which arrived from Europe to-day by *s.s. Novara* (including registered articles), has been received damaged by sea-water owing to weather at Nagasaki. It is notified that no claims in respect of damage can be entertained.

Bail Extracted.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazelaid, this morning, with stealing a bag of sugar valued \$5. The thief took place in the harbour, the man being a coolie employed on the Dairy Farm launch. Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared for the defence said his defendant had bolted. Defendant did not appear, and his bail was extracted.

Two Months' Hard Labour.

Before Mr. J. B. Wood, this morning, a Chinese was charged with attempting to steal a lead water pipe from the lavatory on board the *s.s. Kwang Tong*. Captain H. W. Walker said that the Chief Officer reported to him that a man had been caught in the act of stealing the pipe. Witness handed the man over to the police. The chief stoker deposed to seeing the defendant trying to wrench the pipe off. Defendant, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND MUNITIONS.

An interesting mixture.

As is not uncommonly happens, quantity outdoes both quality and definiteness where the news from Gallipoli is concerned and, were we disposed to feel over critical, we might suggest that the same applies to the cables from the Western and Balkan fronts. Almost simultaneously with the retirement of Field-marshal French comes the withdrawal of the famous Russian leader, General Samoylovitch. Let us hope that it is all for the best and that the changes that are being made have not been entered upon without due reflection as to the value of the old saying about not changing horses while crossing a stream. The Premier's statement concerning the re-recruiting is still unavoidably withheld. Hope deferred maketh the heart sick—and sometimes a tiny bit suspicious. Another item that interests without pleasure is the statement that the notorious De Wet and over a hundred of his confederates have been set at liberty. Surely that could have waited. The Government trusted to De Wet's honour before—and what was the result? It is a disgrace that he was not shot out of hand instead of merely being imprisoned. Such stories make sorry reading for those who realise how the Imperial Government's want of firmness has hampered matters all through the war. As long as the Radical spirit remains in the Cabinet, so long may we expect to see fancies of this kind indulged in; indeed if it remains much longer we look to see half interned Germans at Home set at liberty—and, possibly even given medals for their heroic endurance of a comfortable captivity. Why not the Cabinet either get on or else get out?

Munitions.

There is complexity in Mr. Lloyd George's statement regarding munitions, but the heart of it is in the right place, and it encourages us to believe that, despite Government mismanagement and trade union treason in the past, something really is being done. The speech certainly contains some awkward revelations into which the British elector will want to enquire pretty closely when the war is over; but no good comes of keeping these things back and Mr. Lloyd George will not be censured for his frankness. It is quite evident that, since the munitions affair was put up on a businesslike basis, matters have prospered. The speaker hammers—not can he hammer too hard or too often—on the need for an ever-increasing supply of shells. He tells us (as we should have been told at the beginning of the war)—long before it began—that Germany's hopes of success lay in the enormous start that she had of us in possessing such magnificent supplies of explosives; and he urges that only by means of an unending quantity of such can we hope to force our way to victory.

The Workers.

On two points does the Minister of Munitions lay special emphasis: the wonderful work of the Navy and the need for the working man's co-operation with the Government and Army chiefs. Mr. Lloyd George's tribute to the Navy is by no means so superficial as some of us may think. We Britishers are terribly slow to grasp an idea, and we only cease from grumbling when the fact is forced in front of us that one half of the war was won, the day that the German fleet scuttled away into hiding and decided to remain there. It was on his fleet that the Kaiser relied, quite as much as on his army, and our blunderbusses by their tireless labours have converted that fleet literally into nonentity. As to the workers, Mr. Lloyd George has surely made it evident enough that the game is up to them, and perhaps we ought to take comfort from Mr. Thomas' assurances in the House that the response will be there. There is yet time for the trade unionists to make their comrades at the front forget that they have disgraced themselves in the past; Mr. Lloyd George wants eighty thousand skilled and two hundred thousand unskilled men. Is he going to get them?

The Workers.

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The Inspector of English Schools, Mr. E. Ralphs, conducted a minute examination of the whole school before the mid-summer holidays. As a result of that examination that official was pleased to report the school as "thoroughly efficient".

In addition to the subjects prescribed by the syllabus private lessons are given in Portuguese, Italian and French, typewriting and shorthand, as well as painting and drawing. Many pupils attend these private classes, and there is evidence that typewriting and stenography are becoming increasingly popular.

Ten scholars presented themselves for theory and special examinations held by Pitman's Committee in June, October and November, respectively. The result of the earliest examination has already been received, two "Theory Certificates" having been granted to Miss Dorothy Razett and Miss Frances Seyce. The certificates will be presented this afternoon.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

Distribution of Prizes This Afternoon

The distribution of Prizes to

scholars of the Italian Convent

School in Caine Road, took place

this afternoon, the ceremony

being performed by Lady May.

Prior to the presentation, a most

excellent musical programme

was contributed, the various

items of which were greatly ap-

preciated. The programme was as

follows:

"Marco Vicentini" (E. Fassina),

Piano, 4 hands, Misses E.

Fusciardo and P. Campos-

Recitation, "He will be a

Soldier," Miss M. Soriano.

Song, "One Sweetly Solemn

Thought," (J. C. Warhurst),

Misses G. Felices, F. Neves, P.

Benito, M. de Jesus, E. Danen-

berg, A. del Campo and E.

Figueiredo. Accomp. Miss D.

Morrin.

Recitation (in Portuguese),

"Visa," Miss M. E. Cabaco.

Piano, "Rapsodia Hungarica,"

(Fr. Liszt), Miss M. Jason.

Recitation, "The Spirit of Con-

tradition," Miss C. Faia.

"Nocturne de Concert" (Ar-

ranged from Goria), piano and

violin, Misses M. and S. Jason, J.

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Accomp. Misses U. C. Jason.

Manager's Report.

The Manager's report for the

WAR TELEGRAMS

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THE RECRUITING ROOM

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT DEFERRED.

December 20, 5.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that in consequence of the complexity of the task and the enormous difficulty of classifying and tabulating the figures of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign, the Cabinet was unanimously of opinion that there should be no considered statement to-morrow. The Premier hoped, however, to make the statement before the adjournment. It is understood that the recruiting authorities will submit the general result to-day.

LIFE OF PARLIAMENT.

A COMPROMISE AGREED TO.

December 20, 5.50 p.m.
Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons that, owing to the strong views in different parts of the House on the prolongation of the life of Parliament, he suggested a compromise of eight months instead of a year. The compromise was adopted by 158 to 23 votes.

THE MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN.

TURKS' HEAVY LOSSES.

December 21, 10.15 p.m.
The Press Bureau states that General Townshend estimates that the Turks lost two thousand five hundred during the rear-guard action on the 1st inst., and in their abortive attack on Kut-el-Amara on the night of the 12th-13th. Mixed parties of British and Indian troops on the night of December 17 and 18 surprised the Turks in their advanced trenches, killing thirty and taking eleven prisoners. The 18th and 19th passed quietly.

VISCOUNT FRENCH FETED ON LEAVING PARIS.

DECORATED BY GENERAL JOFFRE.

December 21, 12.50 a.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that Field Marshal Viscount French had farewelled to President Poincaré at the Elysée in the afternoon, being ovated by a huge crowd shouting "Vive French," "Vive Anglais," "Vive l'Armée." Generalissimo Joffre in the morning bestowed the "Croix Guerre" on Field Marshal French.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

NEW TAXES NEEDED.

December 21, 1.00 a.m.
An Amsterdam message states that, in the Reichstag, Dr. Helfferich, Secretary to the Imperial Treasury, claimed that the Budget for 1915-16 would show no deficit or only a small one. He admitted that the Budget for 1916-17 would not balance without new taxes, but said he was confident that German patriotism would pay the taxes as readily as it had subscribed to the loans.

THE RUSSIANS.

GENERAL RUSKY RETIRES.

December 21, 2.25 a.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd states that General Rusky, the commander-in-chief of the Russian northern armies, has been relieved of his functions. General Rusky's withdrawal is due to his health. The Tsar has issued a rescript in which he warmly thanks General Rusky for his brilliant services in defending Petrograd.

HIGH TREASON PRISONERS.

DE WET AND OTHERS RELEASED.

December 21, 6.40 a.m.
A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Johannesburg states that ex-General De Wet and one hundred and eighteen other high treason prisoners have been released. De Wet, on being interviewed, emphasized the necessity for Anglo-Dutch amity and said that the discord of past misunderstanding should cease.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

(Continued from page 4)
An order by the Governor-in-Council was passed on the 19th August last requiring that a medical examination of every boarding school be conducted every six months by a registered medical practitioner on the general health of the boarders and on the sanitary condition of the school buildings as a whole and of the dormitories in particular. Such an inspection was carried out on the 15th December by Dr. O. Marzotti, of the firm of Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Hartson. The number of "resident scholars" coming under the notice of the medical examiner on that occasion was: 75 First class boarders, 65 Eurasian orphans, 231 Chinese orphans,

making a grand total of 371. The following extract is taken verbatim from Dr. Marzotti's report:— "Any cases of illness occurring in this school are either treated under my care in the Infirmary in the building, or if of long duration or in such condition that their health might be a source of danger to others, they are transferred to the hospital at Wan Chai for treatment, and in my opinion this well-advised system accounts for the small amount of sickness among the scholars." I also inspected the dormitories and recreation rooms, school rooms, lavatories and bath rooms, and found all well kept, well ventilated, perfectly clean and sanitary and in every way satisfactory.

While on the subject of health and sanitation, I may be permitted to state that Dr. V. M. Koch, of the Government Civil Hospital, has very kindly consented to give at the Convent a course of lectures

on "First Aid" to the native girls and a few of the teachers who can be spared to attend them. Arrangement will be made that the lectures be held under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Association, and that the usual examination be held at the end of the course, for the certificate. At the suggestion of the Hon. Lecturer there will be two classes; girls over sixteen will attend one class, and there will be another course for those under 16, which course has to be rather more elementary. It is proposed that the lectures will commence after the Christmas vacation. The value and utility of "First Aid" have been so amply demonstrated that it is hoped many scholars will avail themselves of the kindness of Dr. Koch and attend the lectures in large numbers.

In concluding this report I am charged with the agreeable duty to thank our friends and patrons for their generous donations towards the Prize Fund, in particular His Excellency D. Postomi, Lady Chater, Mr. Ho Wieg, Mr. Sun Tak Pan, Dr. F. M. Grace Ozario, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Chao Po Sien and Mr. A. Abdoolahim.

The Prizes.
Lady May then presented the prizes, the full list being as follows:

Lingard Shield—1914, Flora Entina Horne; 1915, Violet Tean.

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Junior Class—Maud Braga, Lydia Barretto and Mary Walter.

University pass with distinction in religious knowledge; Helen Clark, University pass with distinction in needlework; May Higgins, prize for English language and literature; Maria de Rosa, prize for conduct and needlework.

Preliminary Class—Florentina Nunes and Lindamia Nunes for general proficiency; Christina Ozorio for conduct and application; Eva Chau for conduct and needlework.

Class 4—Antonia Campos, Bertha Goon and Louise Gill for general proficiency; Cynthia Tavares for application and Geography; Assuncion Sia for application and arithmetic; Isabel del Campo for object lesson and needlework.

Class 5—Adela del Campo, Maria Remedios and Teresa Gill for general proficiency; Daisy Tam for composition and hygiene; Luisinha da Jesus for religious knowledge and hygiene; Bertha Carvalho for application and reading; Sophia Nemazee for religious knowledge and reading; Trinity Lopez for conduct and politeness; Maria Jason and Maria Tejico for conduct and politeness; Sophie Anderson for conduct and application; Martha Cruz for needlework.

Class 6—Purita Campos and Agnes Fung for general proficiency; Juanieta Gonzales for composition and geography; Davida Wan for arithmetic and geography; Ivy Low for arithmetic and grammar; Annie Pereira for needlework and drawing; Margaret Holden for dictation and geography; Alicia Carvalho for conduct and dictation; Conchita Jason for religious knowledge and grammar; Antonia Taito for reading and arithmetic; Candida Taito for recitation; Maria Baptista for embroidery; Alice Low and Laura Santos for needlework.

Class 7—Gloria Campos, Genevieve McGuire, Lily Mc Guire and Stella Roche for general proficiency; Agnes Gill for religious knowledge and arithmetic; James Braga for composition and geography; Casimira Silva for dictation and drawing; Beatrice Johnson for religious knowledge and grammar; Sophie Kotwall for application and reading; Alice Solomon for application and reading; Paola Montalvo for conduct and politeness.

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European Orphan Girls—

Oscina Roer and Marianne Pompeia for needle work; Lavinia D'Uva and Eugenia Ricci for embroidery.

Chinese Orphan Girls—Quai Muor for needlework; Tam Ha Ho and Li Ha Ho for embroidery; Chou Aina for embroidery.

Special Prize for Religious Knowledge—Carrie Temmyson.

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Class 10 (ii)—Dorothy Ray, Alice de Rosa, Louis Tam, Louisa Campos, Edward Olaco, Robert Watt, Albert Ward, Alberto Castillo, Nelly Kew, and Alberto Baptista for conduct and application.

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IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1913 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY and MONDAY the 25th and 27th instant.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1915.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

(British Section)

NOTICE.

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Kowloon 22nd December, 1915.

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MANILA	Yennsang	Fri. 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
STORE Pang & Calcutta	Fooshing	Tue. 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHAI Kobe & Moji	Namsang	Thur. 30th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri. 31st Dec. at noon
STORE Pang & Cotta	Kumsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.

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London & Marseilles via Ports of London & Bombay	Kashima Maru	N.Y.K.	30. Dec.
Marseilles via Saigon & Ports	Nankin	P.O.	30. Dec.
London & Marseilles via Ports of London and Bombay etc.	Athos	P.Tomas & Jas.	13. Jan.
	Mishima Maru	N.Y.K.	13. Jan.
	Novara	P.O.	14. Jan.

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MOVEMENT OF STREAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL

The T.K.K. ss ANFO MARU will leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916.
The T.K.K. ss YENKO MARU will leave Hongkong on the 10th Nov. at noon. This steamer will next leave Hongkong on Tuesday the 12th February 1916 at noon.

The T.K.K. ss SHINYO MARU which sailed from San Francisco on the 28th November is expected to arrive at the port via Honshu, Japan Ports & Manila on Tuesday the 1st Dec. a.m.

CANADIAN MAIL

The C.P.R. ss EMPRESS OF JAPAN left Yokohama on Friday the 10th Dec. at 4 p.m. due to arrive Vancouver on the 2nd December.

The C.P.R. ss MONTEAGLE left Yokohama on Wednesday the 22nd Dec. and is due to arrive Vancouver on Saturday the 1st January.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Standard Am. ss 354. O. Johansen, 13th Dec.—Saigon Rice—T & Co.

Fung Kung, Br. ss 3,000. J. Mason, 9th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—China.

Nicharen Maru, 1,400. S. Suzuki, 11th Dec.—Kapan, 4th Dec. Timber—D. & Co.

Kaching Br. ss 1,145. Berger, 14th Dec.—Shanghai, 10th Dec. Gen.—Order.

Tacoma, Br. ss 1,305. Stewart, 13th Dec.—Haiphong, 11th Dec. Gen.—& Co.

Telamon, Br. ss 1,340. A. Fraser, 16th Dec.—Saigon, 7th Dec. Gen.—China.

Fauang, Br. ss 1,418. H. S. Malkin, 17th Dec.—Saigon, 10th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Koto, Br. ss 4,000. J. A. Smith, 17th Dec.—Shanghai, 1st Dec. Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Pakhol, Br. ss 1,122. A. Tucker, 17th Dec.—Amoy, 13th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Middleham Castle, Br. ss 2,910. Griffiths, 15th Dec.—Singapore, 10th Dec. Biller—D. & Co.

Hongkong, Fr. ss 730. A. Marguerite, 18th Dec.—Hongkong, 16th Dec. Gen.—A. R. Mart.

Foothing, Br. ss 1,423. J. M. Hay, 20th Dec.—Sourabaya, Sugar—J. M. & Co.

Nippo Maru, Jap. ss 2,331. S. Zimbo, 20th Dec.—Mills, 14th Dec. Coal—M. E. & Co.

Lymore, Br. ss 733. J. W. Walker, 20th Dec.—Shanghai, Gen.—B. & S.

Tengku, Nor. ss 1,011. C. Cornelius, 25th Dec.—Swatow, 15th Dec. Rice—T & Co.

Tiantein, Br. ss 1,260. Cogan, 20th Dec.—Capeco, 14th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Hinaz, Br. ss 1,141. Wm. McDonald, 24th Dec.—Weizhou, 15th Dec. Rice—B. & S.

Shiryo Maru, Jap. ss 6,361. W. G. Palmer, 21st Dec.—San Francisco, 20th Nov. Gen.—T. K.

Yunnan, Br. ss 1,755. W. M. Murray, 21st Dec.—Manila, 18th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents	Vessel's Name	Tonage	Date Due	From
R. & S.	Hyson	6,608	Dec. 23	London
B. & S.	Fidam	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
N. Y. K.	Tikambang	12,000	Dec. 24	Java
J.C.J. L.	Kaga Maru	16,000	Dec. 25	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Titaranem	21,000	Dec. 25	Japan
N. Y. K.	Atata Maru	16,000	Dec. 25	London
P. & O.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 25	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Nankin	7,555	Dec. 25	Batavia
R. & S.	Tikambang	4,104	Dec. 31	Amoy
J.C.J. L.	Helens	3,000	Jan. 1	New York
P. & O.	Kathlamba	3,000	Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Nellore	6,247	Jan. 4	Yokohama
P. & O.	Penang Maru	8,000	Jan. 4	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	6,247	Jan. 4	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir	6,247	Jan. 4	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Tibodas	7,433	Jan. 7	Malacca
B. & S.	Knight Companion	7,433	Jan. 7	London
G. I. & Co.	Arakan	3,536	Jan. 7	Java
T.K.K.	Eastern	3,536	Jan. 9	Australia
P. & O.	Persia Maru	9,000	Jan. 9	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Monzani	6,537	Jan. 13	Australia
P. & O.	Hitachi Maru	9,608	Jan. 13	Yokohama
T.K.K.	Nikkou Maru	22,000	Jan. 14	San Francisco
P. & O.	Chyo Maru	6,74	Jan. 15	London
R. & S.	Sardinia	2,963	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Changsha	6,308	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	21,000	Jan. 26	Yokohama
P. & O.	Suwa Maru	21,000	Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore	6,694	Jan. 29	London
G.I. & Co.	Aldenham	3,808	Jan. 30	Australia
P. & O.	Nore	2,000	Feb. 5	London
J.C.J. L.	Tibondari	2,000	Feb. 7	Java
T.K.K.	Tenyu Maru	22,000	Feb. 9	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Atata Maru	22,000	Feb. 11	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Feb. 12	London
N. Y. K.	Nankin	2,963	Feb. 13	Seattle
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru	2,000	Feb. 14	Yokohama
P. & O.	Mongara	2,000	Feb. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru	2,000	Mar. 7	Java
J.C.J. L.	Karimoon	2,000	Apr. 2	Java
Tikambang				

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1915

TELEGRAMS

INDIAN INDENTURED LABOUR.

The Question of its Abolition.

Doctors' Service to the "Telegraph." Doctor Received December 11.
In the House of Commons, Sir J. D. Ross asked whether the Raj had recommended the abolition of the indentured labour system.

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, said he had recently received a communication from the Raj dealing with the objections to, and disadvantages of, the present system under which labour went from India to the colonies, and suggesting a possible solution of these difficulties. The question, however, was still in its preliminary stage and required further consultation with the Raj as well as other authorities interested, and he (Mr. Chamberlain) would therefore not be able to make a definite statement for some time.

MESSES. DONNELLY AND WHYTE.

No list of firms whose energies place before the public the therewithal to make Christmas pleasant would be complete if the names of Donnelly and Whyte were omitted. Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, as is generally known, are agents for all best distillers, vintners and beer bottlers, and this year their stock is especially large and diverse.

In wines they are offering Ayals and Leon Roederer champagnes, some good brands of old brown sherry and their line of Newfoundland land port; while among the whiskies that they recommend are the No. 10 and Teacher's Highland Cream.

Special mention may well be made of Peter Walker's beers, for which Messrs. Donnelly are also agents. Even before the inhabitants of Hongkong made it quite clear that they had no desire to have German beer placed before them, Walker's lager had attained a very marked popularity in the Colony. It has a cleaner taste than the German beer, and more "nip" in it. At home, and more especially in the north of England where men are tolerably good judges of beer, Walker's lager and light or strong ale have been growing more and more popular for years past. In the Far East one's liver has too much to say on the subject to encourage the bottlers to send out the strong beers dear to the Home palate; Hongkong appetites call for a light, clean, sparkling beer—and this no one knows better how to provide than does the firm of Peter Walker.

A word might be added about Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte's famous "Christmas Boxes"—mixed cases of wines and spirits at respectively \$17, \$20 and \$25 per case. These combine quality with variety—to say nothing of good value for money, and our advice to our readers is "Try one."

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral—6.45 a.m. The Holy Communion 7.45 a.m. The Holy Communion Choral; the Bishop will be the Celebrant. 9.15 a.m. Military Service conducted by the Chaplain to the Forces. 11 a.m. Matins Preacher: Rev. H. Gopley. Moyle; Collection for the Diocesan Girls' School. 12 noon: The Holy Communion.

At the Peak Church & Can. The Holy Communion Cards will be sung during the Sunday evenings December 26th evening at 5.30 p.m.

DEATH OF SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

As we go to press, news arrives of the death of Sir Thomas Jackson, formerly Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which occurred suddenly in London yesterday.

Sir Thomas, who was knighted in 1899, was born in Ireland on June 4, 1841. He began his training in banking in the Bank of Ireland at Belfast in 1860 and, four years later, went to India where he joined the Agra Bank. In 1866 he entered the service of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and, five years later, married Miss Amelia Lydia Data.

His eldest son, Lieut.-Col. Thomas Dare Jackson, D.S.O., M.V.O., is at the front.

Sir Thomas first came to the bank at Hongkong in 1866 and was appointed to the position of General Manager here in 1876, holding this appointment until 1889. At this time he went to London as Senior Manager, but in 1890 he again came to Hongkong as the General Manager, remaining in the Colony until the following year. Proceeding home again he was Senior Manager in London from 1891 to 1893, returning to the Colony at the expiration of that time. He finally left Hongkong in 1902, since when he has been the Chairman of the bank's London Committee. In recognition of his great services to the Bank, the shareholders erected the striking monument which is to be seen at the rear of the premises in Hongkong to-day. He has for many years a member of the Legislative Council at Hongkong, and was prominently identified with many works of public improvement.

THE SUMMARY COURT.

Before Mr. Justice Gompartz, at the Summary Court this morning, a Chinese boarding-house keeper, named Ching Ming-yue, of 73, Connaught Road Central, sued Li Lai-tung, also a boarding-house keeper, of 139, Connaught Road Central, for the sum of \$510.80, being the balance of principal and interest on a promissory note given to plaintiff by defendant on January 28, 1911. Judgment was entered for the plaintiff.

Mr. Justice Gompartz also had before him this morning a case in which Yim Ying, of 21, Sam Kee Lane, a trader, sued Sin Wan-po, 19, East Street; Au Woon, 22, West Street; Li Ki-g, 161, Hollywood Road; and Wong Sui-lung, 78, Hollywood Road, partners of the late Sai Cheong Loon firm, for the sum of \$670.00 for money lent to the firm. It was stated in evidence that plaintiff had held a one-fifth share in the concern, and judgment for four-fifths of the money claimed against the defendants was entered.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

An examination in first aid, recently held at the Technical Institute, out of 23 students examined, the following were successful in qualifying for the "Junior" Certificate: Wong Cheung-tsun, Au Wing-yam, Fok Lan-yim, Pun Ping-chung, Lee Okong, Chan Yick-m, Chan Siu-dong, Kw Chik-hin and Chung Hung-tsun.

Dr. S. T. Lee was the Hon. Lieutenant and Dr. McLean Gilmore acted as Examiner.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph," December 22, 1914.

Tribute to Our Sailors. Lady Jellicoe has opened the Union Jack Club, for wives of soldiers and sailors. She read a letter from Admiral Sir John Jellicoe praising the bravery of the men. He says he is proud every day to command men of such splendid calibre; their discipline is perfect, and they are patiently waiting and watching.

Germans Bombard Hospital.

There was nothing of importance yesterday in Belgium, unless it be some progress made in the

region of Lombaertry, St. George and southward of Korteket; also the occupation of some houses at Zwartestem, southward of Sillebeka, and the bombardment by the enemy of a Hospital at Ypres.

Italy Demands Explanation of Turkey.

It is stated from Petrograd that, according to the "Bourse Gazette," the Italian Ambassador at Constantinople has demanded from the Porte an explanation of the movement of 4,000 Arabs, under Turkish and German officers, against Tripoli; and has threatened a rupture of relations, failing a satisfactory answer.

Anti-Turk Meeting in Italy.

Five hundred meetings were held throughout Italy yesterday in commemoration of Oberdask, who was hanged in December 1882 for conspiracy against the life of the Emperor Francis Joseph. The police had a hard task restraining and in some places suppressing demonstrations, which were everywhere of an Anti-Austrian character. A meeting at home was addressed by Deputy Colajanni, who attacked Austria and Germany for the crimes against civilization, and by Ricciotti Garibaldi, who urged the formation of a committee to enrol volunteers for the Italo-Egyptian League formed at home to strengthen the bonds uniting the two countries.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:

Leave.

Pte. K. Braysay is granted leave of absence from 22.12.15 to 3.1.16.

Parades.

Parade for Thursday, 23rd instant, 7.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8.12.15—Morse flag and Morse lamp practice at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of Engineer Co.—Masonry and Rifle exercises at Taikuo Dockyard under Sergt. Everett.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of Right Section M.G. Co.—Squad drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units except Right Section M.G. Co. and Signalling Section, Squad drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters under Sergt. Major Higby. Remainder nil.

Drill.

Gum Club Hill, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 26th inst. H.K.V.R.

P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 26th inst. H.K.V.R.

EWO COTTON S. & W. COMPANY.

Annual Meeting.

The twentieth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held on December 16 at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Shanghai. Mr. Johnsons who presided said:

The profit for the year was £1,530,268.14, which will doubtless consider highly satisfactory, although it falls short of our record twelve months—£1,619,113—when we earned £1,552,278.93 and paid a dividend of £1.15 on the ordinary shares. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of £1.15 on the ordinary shares, a record in the company's history, and I venture to hope that this return will have the approval of shareholders.

From the report it will be seen that it is proposed to write off plant and machinery £1,70,000 and Buildings £1,20,900; these amounts exceed last year's appropriations by £1,5,000 and £1,2,000 respectively and are necessitated by the additions during the year.

In recognition of the services rendered to the company by the European and Chinese staffs at the mills, the Consulting Committee have appropriated the sum of £10,500 for the payment of a bonus to our employees at the discretion of the general manager, which I trust will meet with your approval.

We now come to the allocation of £1,150,000 to Reserve Fund. Subject to your confirmation of the appropriation to Reserve, that Fund will stand at £1,350,000, in addition to which we have £1,500,000 at credit of Equalization of Dividend Account, and I think you will admit that with Reserves amounting to £1,850,000 we can look to the future with equanimity.

From the accounts you will observe that during the year considerable additions have been made to our buildings and plant and machinery, and I am of opinion that our energies in the matter of extensions are in the right direction.

During the first ten months of our financial year we experienced a satisfactory demand for all our products, but I regret to say that since the end of August, trade generally in yarn and cloth has left a great deal to be desired, and at the moment the future outlook is causing your general manager grave concern, so much so that it may be found necessary to resort to short time before many weeks elapse. Not since the Revolution in 1911 have we been faced with the necessity of selling yarn below the cost of production in order to keep stocks at a reasonable level, but this is the position to-day, and if there is no improvement in a short while, I fear to see how we can do otherwise than minimize our loss by curtailing production.

I am inclined to the opinion that the present unfortunate state of affairs has been mainly brought about by the Monarchical movement, which is undoubtedly causing native bankers and traders great uneasiness, and until a settlement is arrived at, we can only look for any decided improvement in trade.

The great scarcity of dyes and

the consequent extreme cost of coloured goods is also restricting consumption of yarn and cloth to some extent, and I fear that no great relief can be expected in this direction until peace is restored.

As regards taxation of local mill products, I am sorry to say there is no improvement and I fear that, until the Customs Import Tariff is revised, many of the goods we now manufacture will be taxed at a higher rate than similar articles from foreign countries. In this connection, I should like to call your attention to a recent regulation of the Chinese Customs by which cotton wastes produced by local mills are called upon to pay 5 per cent export duty and 24 per cent import duty at any port of destination in China—in all 29 per cent, whereas imports from foreign countries obtained entry into China on payment of only 5 per cent duty.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Hon. Mr. Holycross Questions Concerning German Prisoners.

According to the agenda for to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, there are no fewer than seven questions to be asked by Unofficial members.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock has six queries concerning the constitution of the Executive and Legislative Councils (which appeared in detail in last Thursday's Telegraph) and the Hon. Mr. Holycross is to put the following question concerning the removal of interned alien enemies from Hongkong:

"With reference to a Renter's telegram published in the Daily Press of the 16th December in which it is stated that 'In the House of Commons Mr. Binar Law said the question of the desirability of removing alien enemies interned in Hongkong was being considered most carefully, and the Secretary of State was corresponding telegraphically with Hongkong on the subject,' will the Government, for the information of the Colony, lay upon the table of this Council the telegram and despatches which have passed and fro between the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and this Government?"

In addition to the above, the following matters will be dealt with:

Resolution by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—"It is hereby resolved that the percentages on

the valuations of the tenements in the undermentioned places

will be altered as follows with effect from the 1st of January, 1916:—Tsikoktsui, from 1½ per cent to 1¾ per cent; Kok Un and Kowloon City Road from the Hung Hom Police Station to the north as far as and including Kowloon inland Lot 1150 and Kowloon Marine Lot 67, from 1½ per cent to 1¾ per cent.

Orders of the day.—Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the fees to be paid in this Colony in respect of various things and matters to be granted or done under the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the valuations of the tenements in the undermentioned places

will be altered as follows with effect from the 1st of January, 1916:—

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THE SHANGHAI ARMS CASE

TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND GERMAN RIFLES.

Assumed before the Court.

At the Shanghai Mixed Court, on December 15, Yau Ching-fou, Tong Yong-tsung, Chen Ah-chun, Tsoo Ling-yi and Tsung Tsung-ping were charged with having, on December 2, attempted to sell firearms in the Settlement, without having obtained a license from the Municipal Council to do so, contrary to by-law 34, and further with conspiring to keep certain military arms, to wit, rifles, without official permission, contrary to section 284 of the Chinese Criminal Code.

Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the prosecution. Mr. G. D. Musso watched the case on behalf of the Chinese Government and Mr. H. D. Rodger defended one of the accused.

Mr. Newman said that the case was one of the most difficult that he had ever known. The first two were carrying on negotiations quite apart from the other three but they ultimately met together and treated with the police agent who eventually effected their arrest. The evidence which he would put before the Court was very short. An interpreter of the Central Police Station would explain that in consequence of certain information received he met four of the defendants. They were arrested in a tea shop and the fifth was apprehended in the mouth of an alleyway. The interpreter had negotiations with two of the men and they brought along the other two. They were taken to the Police Station and there they made statements which showed that a man named Tsoo Ling-yi was the person closely concerned and he was subsequently arrested. Detective Colleary would state that on Tsoo were found the following two documents:

Witness.—My principal is J. C. Lewis.

On the following day, Mr. Newman informed the Court that, as a result of the previous day's hearing, another witness would have to appear before the Court on subpoena. Subject to that he had closed his case.

The cases of the firm three defendants were then dealt with.

In answer to Mr. Newman the defendant said he had been employed by the B.A.T. Co. some four years ago for about a year, after which he went to the Union Commercial Company. Asked why he wanted to get Zee introduced to foreign firms, the defendant said that the reason was because the Chinese had no arms and foreigners had. They must be kept by big firms.

Mr. Newman:—Which particular foreign firms?—Like Jardine, Matheson & Co., and Siemens.

Why did you mention Siemens?

Who told you about it?

I thought about it.

Mr. Newman said that the three men before the Court had different degrees of guilt. It was well-known to the Court that there had recently been disturbances in Shanghai, that there had been very considerable dealings in arms throughout the Settlement between foreigners and Chinese, and Chinese and Chinese, and that it was the endeavour of the Police to stamp out these dealings as being in their opinion, and in that of every thinking man, bound to lead to sedition and disturbances against the peace and good order of the Settlement and China. In order to affect these large transactions in arms it had been necessary, owing to a secrecy that must be employed, to use a large number of

capable of holding nine cartridges, and one hundred rounds of ammunition each, \$87 each; 800 second-hand Mauser pistols with 180 rounds each, \$59 each; lots of 400 and 500 Brownings at various prices, and 15,000 Remington rifles, with 500 rounds of ammunition each, \$10 each. Mr. Morrison would be called as a witness and would probably want to make an explanation to the Court.

Thomas Francis Morrison, clerk in the British American Tobacco Co., said that he knew Tsoo had known him for ten years and had had business dealings with him. He recognized the two papers produced by Mr. Newman. They related to transactions in firearms. Tsoo was to bring the firearms to the witness to whom he was to sell them.

Mr. Newman:—Are you now prepared to say where the arms came from?—No because they are not mine. I simply was acting as agent for someone else.

Do you think you were employed as agent for someone else, or have you been hoodwinked into being a sub-agent for someone?—I think I was a sub-agent; I was hoodwinked.

Are you prepared to say or not that the supposed principal was a Chinese?—The principal was not a Chinese.

Was Tsoo a fair price for the rifles?—I could not say.

If there is nothing wrong in the transaction then there is no reason why you should not disclose the name of the principal?—I would not like to disclose his name, until I ask him, as I would not like to get him into trouble.

Mr. Newman:—Do you claim the privilege of a witness? You must answer the questions unless they are such as the court may deem likely to disclose your guilt as having done something wrong. Do you claim that privilege?—I am not afraid to incriminate myself.

The Assessor:—Then you must answer the question. This is a Chinese court and you are a foreign witness. We cannot take proceedings against you but we can ask a sister court to examine you upon oath and they can force you to do so.

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THE PACIFIC MAIL

Will the Standard Oil Co. Finance It?

A Washington wire, dated December 15, which appears in the *Yank* Bulletin, has the following:

The return of the Pacific Mail flag to the Pacific ocean is presented by the announcement from New York that a new corporation, financed by the Rockefellers, has purchased the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and that the trans-Pacific service of the company will in all probability be resumed in the near future on a larger scale than, before the company withdrew from the Oriental trade, ostensibly because of the passage of the Seamen's bill.

Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co. of New York City have been appointed representatives of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company under the new owners. This firm owns a fleet of five large new steamers operated under its own name, and is also owner of the Atlantic and Pacific Steamship Company which operates two new steamers.

The above steamers, added to

the Pacific Mail fleet not already sold to the Atlantic transport line, will make a fleet of about twenty vessels available for the trans-Pacific trade, though it is certain that only a portion of these will be utilized.

The vessels now under control of Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co. are:

Owned by Grace and Company:

Name	Built	Gross Tons
Chinchas	1912	6,395
Santa Catalina	1913	6,310
Santa Clara	1913	6,310
Cecilia	1910	5,202
Colara	1913	5,732

Atlantic and Pacific Steamship Company:

Name	Built	Gross Tons
Santa Cecilia	1913	6,310
Santa Cruz	1913	5,081

Pacific Mail Steamship Company:

Name	Built	Gross Tons
City of Paris	1878	3,532
Peru	1892	3,528
Aztec	1894	3,508
Pennsylvania	1872	3,343
City of Sydney	1875	3,017
Newport	1880	2,735
Acapulco	1873	2,572
Barracouta	1883	2,152
San Jose	1882	2,081
San Juan	1882	2,076
Costa Rica	1891	1,783
Izabal	1897	203
Arabs	1884	155

It is understood that additional steamers are to be purchased or built, and that the new owners intend to place their trans-Pacific fleet on a basis which will ensure the advancement of American trade in the Orient.

agents. This fact the three accused now before the Court had not been slow to take advantage of for it offered to them a somewhat risky but remunerative form of living without very much labour.

The principals, by these large number of agents, were able to cover themselves and to cover up their tracks and it was only by dealing with these agents, when they were before brought before the Court that the system which was unfortunately sprunging up in the Settlement could be stamped out.

Mr. Grant Jones said that he agreed with the prosecution that the stories told by the defendants knew well the state of affairs in the country and of those outside the country. They had taken their chance and had seen the possibility of making their profits. He found them guilty, but deferred sentence.

ALLEGED BANGLE SNATCHING.

THE SILVER MARKET.

Messrs. Montagu's Report.

Concerning silver, Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., write on November 18 as follows:

The market for silver continued to develop, and prices during the last few days have advanced with easy confidence. Attention has been drawn in several preceding letters to the excellence of the undrilled. Home and foreign coinage orders have readily absorbed not only arrivals, but also a portion of the stock held on account of China.

Only a little additional competition was needed to give an impetus sufficient to cause the level of the price to rise perceptibly. This competition was provided by an injury from the Indian Bazaar, which set in with some activity when the news reached India that the London Stock had been reduced to about £75,000.

The same announcement provoked some disorder to replace the recently depleted holdings on account of China. As a consequence, the market found itself in the exceptional position of receiving buying orders from four distinct quarters at once. The quotation reached to-day—24/11/15—is the highest touched since September 12, when 25d. was paid.

President Carranza has been exerting pressure upon the Banks in Mexico, in order that they should comply with the provisions of the Banking Law, which ordains that 50 per cent. of their Note Issues should be covered by a reserve in specie. The banks declare that an enforcement of compliance would force the majority of them into liquidation. In the circumstances, the demand may be waived for a time, but if received wholly or partially, the effect would be to lessen that export of silver which a restoration of tranquillity in Mexico might otherwise have been expected to ensure.

An Indian currency return for November 15 gave details as follow, in lakhs of rupees:

Notes in circulation	61.91
Reserve in silver coins	34.72
Gold coin and bullion	7.04
Gold in England	6.15

The stock in Bombay consists of 6,000 bars as compared with 8,308 last week. No shipment has been made from San Francisco to Hongkong during the week.

Messrs. Mocatta and Goldsmith in their summary of the silver market on the same date, advise:

The good undrilled of the silver market mentioned in our last circular has developed during the past week into decided firmness and the price has advanced rather rapidly from 24/7/15 to 24/11/15, which is to-day's quotation.

The chief cause for the firmness has been that substantial orders have been received from the Indian Bazaar, and these, coming on a market where the supplies have for some time been easily absorbed by Home and Continental coinage orders, have naturally caused an advance. China, too, has been a considerable buyer, although there has also been a little selling from that quarter. The fact that the stock of silver held in London has been found to be considerably less than had been estimated, has also not been without influence, and it is felt that although there may be considerable stocks in New York, the demand is likely to absorb slightly increased supplies without any unfavorable effect on quotations.

FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

ROUND THE SHOPS.

HONGKONG'S CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS.

WHAT OUR ADVERTISERS HAVE TO OFFER THE PUBLIC.

Once again Hongkong shops have assumed their Christmas garb, and it only needs the most casual observation to realise that the stock of seasonable articles at present on offer in the numerous business establishments is larger and more varied than ever before. The display being made by the leading firms of the Colony is most certainly a distinct credit to the houses concerned, the more so when one remembers the difficulties which the war has created in the matter of importation of goods. Below, in handy style, we give a few notes which should be useful to shoppers at this time of the year, indicating what Telegraph advertisers have to offer the public:—

A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.

The name of A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., whose premises are situated in Des Voeux Road, under Bandosser Christian, will be in attendance. Special measures to be served each night.

Donnelly and White.

According to the well-known saying, "Good wine needs no bush." To a certain extent that is quite true, but everyone does not know where that good wine can be procured. It behoves those, therefore, who wish to grace the festive board this Yuletide with good liquor to either write or call at the premises of the above firm, where they will be sure of receiving expert advice, and, if they purchase, the very best wines it is possible to get anywhere in the Colony. The terms are most reasonable, and, for the convenience of customers, the firm has made up assorted cases, thereby doing away with a great deal of the trouble which attaches to a purchase of this description. There are, of course, varying prices, but the lowest priced case can be thoroughly recommended, as can the higher priced ones, and none can fail to give satisfaction. Liquors of the premier brands are in stock and a bottle of any particular brand can be placed in any case.

Messrs. Moutrie and Co., Ltd.

This well-known and enterprising firm is quite prepared for the Christmas rush in the matter of things musical. Owing to the ever-increasing demand for the Victrola and Victor records, Messrs. Moutrie and Co. have found it necessary to erect a demonstrating room in their store. The new room, being entirely sound proof to all external noise, will prove a boon for the solo and record demonstrating. A complete line of all the different styles of Victrolas is stocked and the prices suit the convenience of every purse. The firm's very extensive stock of records will enable intending purchasers to make a choice selection. So far as pianos are concerned, the 1913 model Moutrie piano gives ample evidence of the great strides made in the manufacture of these instruments, of which nearly 2,000 are now in use. With practically 40 years' experience, Moutrie's are able to guarantee their pianos for a test period of five years, which is ample proof of the standing qualities of these instruments. New models have also arrived of the famous Weber and Allison pianos. In keeping with all things musical, they have a large and varied stock of new music, and instruments of all kinds.

The Hongkong Hotel.

Probably one half of the European population in the Colony reside in hotels, but, notwithstanding, people do occasionally like a little change from the routine which is apt to become very tiresome when one sees the same faces day after day at the same tables. A change is as good as a rest, so it is said, and if this be true a rest can be had at the Hongkong Hotel, where the management, in response to the request of many residents and others, have arranged a series of dances to be held during the Christmas season. These dances, which are to be open to residents and diners in the hotel, will take place on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve, and, by kind permission of Lieut.

No. 1. A visit to Gande, Price and Co., will help greatly towards solving the what-to-drink problem.

William Powell, Ltd.

One of the best known firms in the Colony is that of William Powell, Ltd., whose reputation for enterprise is above question.

For Christmas, they are making a special show, and a glance at their well-arranged windows will no doubt call to mind just something you wear which you have not seen elsewhere.

There are beautiful presents in large array. The ladies especially will be excited by the excellent display of goods. There is an ample choice of such presents as handbags for sets, umbrellas and sun-tops, dainty neckwear, fancy handkerchiefs, gloves and scarves, and a multitude of other articles guaranteed to please. One must not forget the toys, Messrs. Powell's stock of which it would be hard to beat.

Hongkong Cigar Store.

Perhaps smokers' requisites form one of the most popular of the large variety of Christmas presents. And at this time the gentler sex should not forget the above store, because, let it be whispered, there they will be shown the easiest way out of a difficulty which really presents no light problem, and they will have the satisfaction of knowing that the articles they buy there will be most acceptable to their recipients.

The Hongkong Cigar Store has an exceptional stock of what is sure to give satisfaction.

It is a well-known fact that here one can purchase the best cigars and cigarettes to be had, and, in addition, the firm has a wonderful selection of cigar and cigarette holders and cases, and many other things which will please male friends. In their other departments the firm has a large number of beautiful articles, such as silver, copper and bronze ware, and other ornaments of a dainty character. The store is one of the places in the Colony which should not be missed this week.

The Robinson Piano Company.

It is inconceivable what Christ-

mas would be like without music to cheer and add that genial atmosphere to the festive season which is indispensable.

When one hears the word "chemist" one almost instinctively thinks of obnoxious drugs, and in recent years the piano, although not superseded, has had a close rival in the gramophone and phonograph. The last named instruments are becoming greater favourites each year because of the diversity of the music they afford.

To intending purchasers of either instrument we would point out that the Robinson Piano Company has a fine range from which to choose.

It has almost every make of piano to suit varying tastes, and its gramophones which are among the best obtainable in the Colony, are as perfect as inventive genius can make them. For those who are lovers of piano music, and who regret the lack of accomplishment to play, the Robinson Piano Co. can supply the newest auto piano, with a number of rolls of the latest music, at astonishingly modest prices. Anyone visiting the premises may rest assured of receiving the best attention, skill and advice from the manager and his assistants.

Gande, Price and Co., Ltd.

Who has not experienced that thrill of delight when at school on the receipt of a Christmas hamper—the anticipation which precedes the opening, and the gratification when the contents are revealed? Those days have gone past for the older ones, but there are still Christmas hampers capable of affording as much pleasure to adults as the ones in the old days did. Such hampers can be obtained at Gande, Price and Co., Ltd.—hampers which contain the choicest of choice wines and spirits. In fact, they contain everything which should be and can reasonably be expected to be on the table at Christmas. The various brands are of tip-top quality, and are fit to grace the best of tables. In their favour it should be said that the prices are very modest, and the No. 2 hamper is little inferior to the

most popular authors. There are many other useful articles which Messrs. Kelly and Walsh can also supply, such as fountain pens, pipes and all manner of smokers' requisites.

Mackintosh and Co., Ltd.

The above firm is one of the best known in the Colony.

It possesses a big reputation for reliability and correct taste.

gentlemen's outfitters, and has only attained this reputation by carefully studying the requirements and tastes of its customers.

In keeping with the festive season which is now on, Messrs. Mackintosh and Co. have filled their premises with the newest of new goods, the stock including an excellent array of tastefully-designed ties, warm mufflers (which should prove a boon to the Volunteers), stinks, cuff links, etc., all of which are exceptionally well suited to form Christmas presents for relatives and friends. An inspection of the firm's stock will be time well spent.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co.

It is an exaggeration to say that one could profitably spend a whole day in this firm's premises at any time of the year, but when Christmas draws nigh, and special arrangements have been made to tempt the public, it is with a feeling of lingering regret that one leaves the building, especially as in the case of those who are lovers of children, for here there is such a wonderfully assortment of the most wonderful toys, games, and general novelties as dear to the hearts of the little ones, that a direct appeal is made.

There is everything from the rocking horse to the motor car, and a large consignment of dolls has just arrived.

The grocery department, as in former years, possesses a very comprehensive stock of table delicacies so indispensable at Christmas time. Ties and other articles required by gentlemen can be procured in the gent's department, and even in the furniture department there are new goods which cannot fail to appeal to visitors at the store.

The Peak Hotel.

The above hotel is known to be one of the best situated in the Colony, both from a health point of view and also for the excellent panoramic it commands. It is always well patronised by residents and visitors, and at Christmas this fact is worth noting, for the more the guests the more money will be the time. The management has arranged that there shall be a special dinner for residents and visitors on Christmas Day, and it is anticipated, too, that there will be some music arranged. For those who have not yet decided how they will spend the festive season it may be suggested that a walk up The Peak in the afternoon, and dinner at The Peak Hotel, would not be out of place. The excellence of the food and service is too familiar to need any praise, and guests at the Hotel will be quite certain of having a good dinner and a happy time.

Messrs. Kelly and Walsh.

There are, in these days, hundreds of mechanical toys for the children which were unknown some years ago and as time goes on their number increases.

But none the less, picture story books will assist them to hold the premier place in the hearts of little ones. For Christmas, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh anticipated that there would be a great demand for these popular presents, and large and new stock were procured from Home Patrons will therefore know where they can be best suited. The firm has also received a large and varied consignment of other goods to meet the tastes of every section of the community. For instance, a nice present to make at this season to an adult is a steel book hook, and here will be found some of the latest varieties.

The Alexandra Cafe.

Almost everyone knows what a pleasure it is to dine out on occasions, especially when the restaurant they choose is one of the leading ones in the particular place in which they reside and sit which they are sure of good food and of being well served. Those who wish once again to partake of that pleasure can do so at Christmas, or at any other time for that matter, at the Alexandra Cafe. They will be sure of hot roasts always being ready on hand, and not only that, but the menu of this well-known cafe is sure to be exceedingly well arranged. Economical Christmas fare will be put up, and for that reason alone it will sell well.

is that the eyes are tested free of all charge, and if it should be found necessary to recommend glasses these are supplied on the most reasonable of terms. At Christmas time one should give a hand to such things as the eye, for fun enjoyment is sure to be marred if the bad condition of them brings with it the inevitable headaches. Whilst folk are keen on supplying presents to friends, they should not be forgetful of their own welfare, and it would be a profitable investment to secure the aid of properly educated and helpful glasses.

Wiseman, Limited.

There are many people this Christmase who will stay at home and entertain friends in their own houses or flats, but in more cases than one they will not care to trust their own cooks with the important work of preparing their Christmas fare. Wiseman, Limited, have anticipated this difficulty, and, for the convenience of those so situated, they have arranged to have a large stock of freshly-baked Christmas cakes, pastries and other delectable dainties ready for those who require them; and it is a foregone conclusion that there will be a big demand. As confectioners, Wiseman, Limited, are noted, and customers will have the assurance that everything they buy here will be of the very best. The baking is under the supervision of their English manager, who is in possession of gold medals for the baking of Christmas puddings and Dundee cakes, and patrons, therefore, are bound to be satisfied.

Messrs. Diss Bros.

Grand Hotel de l'Europe.

To those who have to travel, the question of hotel accommodation is one that is apt to give rise to

a considerable amount of speculation as to which is the best establishment to patronise, but for those going to Singapore this need not be a source of worry,

for the Grand Hotel de l'Europe, which is the best situated hotel in the town, is both reasonable

and productive of every comfort.

A fact that will be appreciated is that every room has its own bath room, with dressing room attached, and the most up-to-date sanitary arrangements prevail throughout the establishment. Mr. H. E. Waring, the acting manager, will be pleased to answer any enquiries.

New Macao Hotel.

The splendid qualities of Asahi beer are well-known throughout the East and nowhere more so than in Hongkong. Made by the Dai Nippon Brewery Co., Tokyo, Japan, this light Lager beer has everything to recommend it to the public. As a thirst-quencher of a palatable and refreshing nature, it stands almost unrivalled, and its huge sales testify to the fact that it is appreciated by all who become acquainted with it. The salesmen in Hongkong are the Misui Beeran Kansai, and in ordering the Christmas drinks people will do well to remember this firm.

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Nomura Bros.

It is natural that everyone

should want to look after their best the Christmas holiday, and there is no more important factor for attractiveness than correct toilet.

At Messrs. Nomura Bros' hairdressing saloon, 18, Queen's Road Central (opposite the Hongkong Hotel Buildings) customers will find that their individual requirements are attended to with the utmost care and attention. This firm specialises in electric face

treatment, an increasingly popular treatment.

Dragon Cycle Depot.

The increasing popularity of the motor car as a means of

enjoyment has been evidenced

very strikingly in the Colony of late and there is every reason to

justify the fact, for a spin round the island provides one with a healthy and most enjoyable diversion to the everyday things of life.

Whilst it is not possible

for everyone to own a car of his own, it is possible to hire a car for a most reasonable amount, and many residents can testify to the prompt and cheap

service maintained by the Dragon Cycle Depot, which, besides having cars to hire, has a good stock of cars for sale. What could be finer on Christmas Day than a trip in one of this firm's excellently appointed cars? For the convenience of Kowloon residents it might be pointed out that the Kowloon branch is at 26, Nathan Road.

Anderson Music Co.

For real, sound value no one

should fail to visit the Anderson

Music Company's shop at 6, Des Voeux Road, where the best of

everything in the musical line is kept in stock.

The sole agents for the celebrated names

by Collard and Broadwood, of London, the

Company claims to have, by

reason of a fresh arrival of

instruments of this week, the best

selection of pianos in the Colony.

The factory at Yarmouth is a model

of cleanliness, whilst the fruit and

sugars are all fresh and of the

first pick. Only the best quality

of sugar is used in the making of

the syrup, and the products of

this firm are both rich in quality

and of the most seductive nature.

Standard Life Assurance Co.

With the coming of the New

Year, when so many good resolutions are made, only to be broken in many cases, it is as well to

remind our readers that they

should begin to look after such

things as insurance policies.

That the Standard Life Assur-

ance Company is one of the

very best to join is proved by the

best experience of those who

belong to it. A thing that should

appeal to all parents is the new

scheme for children's early ad-

dressment, the features of which

are particularly attractive.

Equipped with the latest

scientific instruments for testing

the sight, Mr. N. Lazarus, of 28,

Queen's Road, certainly claims

attention by the ever growing

number of people who have to

have recourse to the art of glasses.

One of the advantages stand-

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SHARE REPORT.
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Per Value Up	1914	1914	1915	1915	Last Dividend and Date
				Highest Price	Lowest Price	Highest Price	Lowest Price	and Date
Bank:								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$800	120,000	\$25 all	335 July	705 Oct	345 x div. 700 x div.	324.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/15	
Marine Insurance:								
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	\$100	10,000	\$650 50	330 Dec	305 Oct	425 380		Final of 5/- a/c 1913. Interim of 5/- a/c 1914.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$175	10,000	\$15 50	145 May	132 Jan	175 160		Final of 12/- p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$900	12,400	\$250-100	847 April	700 Oct	370 355		Final of \$20 and bonus of 45 making \$35 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$280	12,600	\$100 80	210 April	192 Jan	220 215		Final of \$15 making \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914.
Fire Insurance:								
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$150	30,000	\$100 20	160 July	140 Oct	162 150		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$467	8,000	\$250 50	335 Feb	368 April	420 335		
Shipping:								
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$97	20,000	\$50 all	36 Mar	272 Nov	94 45		\$4/- for year ending 30/6/15.
Hongkong C. & M. S. Co., Ltd.	20	80,000	\$15 all	29/4 Jan	22 Dec	33 19		Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31/12/14.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$163	60,000	\$5 all	79 Jan	50 Sept	162 96		Final of 12/- p.c. for year 1914, a/c 9 p.c. div. in H.K. from 22.5/- an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined & paid in London 21.5/- quoted ex-div. in H.K. 12/15.
Preferred \$61		60,000	\$5 all					
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$51	3,797,610	\$1 all	106 Feb	70 Sept	90- x div. 88- x div.		Final of 5/- (Coupon No 24) making 7/- for 1914.
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$37	40,000	\$10 all	43 Mar	49 Nov	39 32		\$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30/4/15.
Railways:								
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	\$124	20,000	\$100 all	96 Feb	70 Nov	134 111		\$8 for 1912.
Luxon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	\$37	7,000	\$100 all	31 Jan	17 Dec	46 27/4		\$8 for 1907.
Mining:								
Kedian Mining Admin. Ltd.	\$10	1,000,000	\$1 all	41 Feb	33/5 Dec	38/6 30/-		Interim of 1/- account year ending 30/6/15 (Coupon No. 5.)
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	14	200,000	\$1 all	310 Jan	190 Nov	4 314		1/2 for 1909.
Tromob Mines Ltd.	17	150,000	\$1 all	39/2 Feb	19/6 Nov	32/6 42		25/- b/- interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15.
Ural Caspian	25	796,666	\$1 all	56/6 Dec	21/3	37/6 42		37/6 1/- interim 1915.
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
Hongkong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$77	60,000	\$50 all	89 Jan	73 Nov	81 63		\$3.50 for year 1914.
Hongkong & W. P. D. Co., Ltd.	\$83	50,000	\$50 all	77 July	53 Oct	83 57		\$3 dividend for year 1914.
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	53	55,700 t 100 all		60 Jan	50 Dec	63 49 ex div. Tla. 3 for year ending 30/4/15.		
Shai & H'kew Co., Ltd.	98	35,000 t 100 all		109 Jan	82/4 Dec	93 80		Tla. 5 for 1914.
Lands, Hotels and Buildings:								
Anglo French Lands	94	13,000 t 100 t 100						
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	103	20,000	\$50 50	128 July	120 Dec	115 112		Tla. 6 1/4 for year ending 29.2.14.
Hongkong Land Investment Co.	\$103/4	50,500	\$100 all	117/4 July	98 Nov	111 x div. 108		\$2.50 for half year ending 30/6/15.
H'phrey Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$6.80	150,000	\$10 all	91/4 Jan	7 Nov	74 610		\$3 for year ending 30/6/15.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$40	6,000	\$50 50	45/4 Jan	44 Feb	40 40		45 cents for year 1914.
Shanghai Lands	105	75,000 t 50 all		98 Dec	89 Oct	106 101		Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30/6/15.
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$74	15,000	\$50 all	73 June	66 Feb	70 70		\$2 for half year ending 30/6/15.
Hongkong Central Estates	\$100	10,000	\$100 all			103 100		\$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14.
Cotton Mills:								
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	\$140	20,000 t 50 all		133 July	125 May	180 142		Tla. 16 for year ending 31.10.15.
Kung Yik	14	75,000 t 10 all		142 Jan	11 Mar	17 134		Tla. 120 for year ending 30/11/14.
Laon Kung Mow	78	8,000 t 100 all		110 Feb	70 May	89 b. 80		Tla. 12 for 1913.
Shanghai Cottons	87	40,000 t 50 all		135 Feb	105 Nov	105 90		Dividend of Tla. 73 for year ending 30/6/15.
Yangtzeopos	103	175,000 t 5 all				62 62		
Miscellaneous:								
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	\$10 1/2	50,000	\$10 all	12 May	10 Dec	10 10		25 cents for 1914.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$4.80	50,000	\$5 all	4/20 July	4 April	4/4 4/4		6% for year ending 23.2.06.
Do. (Spec. shares)		50,000	\$1 all					
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	9.80	125,000	\$10 all	9 Jan	7 Aug	10/16 810		70 cts. for 1914.
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	30	40,000	\$10 5	39 Jan	35 Aug	34 31		\$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15.
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	10.30	400,000	\$10 all	6.90 Jan	5 Dec	11 6.70		50 cts. for 1914.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	44	60,000	\$10 all	49 Jan	36 Nov	45 39		\$2.00 per share for 1914.
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	190	6,500	\$2 all	21/2/4 July	174 Dec	190 184		Interim of \$2 account 1915.
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$33	6,000	\$10 all	25 June	22 Apr	48 25		Interim of 1/- for year ending 30.6.15.
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	54	325,000	5/- all	131 July	7 Feb	5.20 4.20		\$10/- for 1914.
Langkate	135/4	250,000	\$10 all	64/2 Mar	23 Dec	42 36/4		Interim of Tla. 1 making Tla. 2 a/c 1912.
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd.	\$10	25,000	\$10 all	103/4 Jan	5/4 June	10 9		70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on 1/- paid shares for year ending 30.4.15.
Do. (New) 85 cts.	b.	50,000	\$10 all	93 cts. Jan	15 cts. Dec	1 81		7 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14.
Philippines, Ltd.	34	75,000	\$10 all			4 4		
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	35	12,000	\$10 all			5 5		\$1.50 for 1910.
Societe des Pulperies et Papier teries du Tonkin	\$20	12,200	\$50 all			20 20		Kone.
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	34	20,000	\$5 all	5.00 June	4 Nov	3.00 3.00		25 cts. for year ending 31.3.15.
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	316	27,723	\$10 all	22/4 Feb	17 Jan	18 16		\$1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.1914.
Watson and Co., Ltd.	36	90,000	\$10 all	84 April	6.90 Dec	6.90 6.90		50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14.
William Powell, Limited	55	31,000	\$7 all	9/2 Jan	6/2 Dec	5/2 5/2		
S. C. Morning Post	29	6,000	\$25 all	30 June	92 Dec	29 29		\$1.50 for 1914.

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tla. 12.70 sellers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$6.80 buyers.	Kempes (Straits) \$4.40 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) \$7.00
Anglo-Dutch Tla. 6 sellers.	Balgownies (Straits) \$3.1 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$13.00 buyers.	
Lingga 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdinga (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.40 buyers.	
Nordicains 13/6 buyers 18/9 sellers.	Malakoff (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.		
W.R.C. 5.75 buyers.			

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EXCHANGE.

22nd Dec.

Selling	T/T Bombay	On Haiphong	5/- per gram.	Gold Leaf per oz. \$59.40

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ROUND THE SHOPS.

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Singer Frères.

The above firm ranks with the best known jewellers in the Colony, and the splendid connection it has built up is the very best testimony one could have of the reliability of the stock which the firm keeps. For Christmas special arrangements have been made and a new and varied consignment of goods has been procured, which includes gold and silver ware, precious stones, and everything which can be found in an up-to-date jeweller's shop. Here intending purchasers can be certain of being able to choose a suitable present for the festive season. It would be impossible to enumerate all the dainty articles to be found in the shop, and the best plan is for those who are desirous to buy a beautiful present for a relative or friend to pay a visit to the store. Mee Cheong.

Recognised as the leading photographer of Hongkong, Mee Cheong claims the attention of all who either indulge in the collecting of local views and topical events or who are amateurs in the fascinating pastime of photography. At the present time Mee Cheong has a vast selection of most excellent views, and in the matter of supplies his stock is of the best.

King Edward Hotel.

There is much that is enjoyable in an occasional visit to a hotel for people who are used to a quiet home life, and the King Edward Hotel, which has long had a high reputation for the quality of its cuisine and the care and attention which is bestowed on patrons, is one that appeals with great force to those who think of indulging in this diversion for the holiday season. The hotel has recently come under new management, and its claims have if anything been enhanced.

Ullman and Co.

Proof of the very high quality of the goods supplied by Messrs. J. Ullman and Co. may be gathered from the fact that the business done by this firm during this Christmas time has been greater than at any previous similar season. For jewellery of all sorts one can find satisfaction here, and despite the fact that, as a French firm, the war has seriously depleted their staff, customers can be assured of quick and reliable service.

A. & J. Ross and Co.

To the motoring man nothing makes a better Christmas present than one of the very nice motor cycles now to be obtained at Messrs. Alex. Ross and Company's shops, the situation of which is known to all residents in the Colony. Besides being agents for many well-known makes of cars and motor cycles, this firm lays justifiable claim to stock every thing for motoring by land or sea, and the quality of the goods supplied is, beyond all question, of the very best.

Palace Hotel.

Having been recently renovated and placed entirely under European management, the Palace Hotel at the corner of the Hankow and Haiphong Roads, Kowloon, affords a most attractive spot to which to adjourn for those seeking moments of leisure. Besides excellent residential accommodation, there is a public billiard bar with first-class tables, and only first-class wines and spirits are stocked.

Victoria Theatre.

After the very excellent programmes that have been presented during the past months at the above popular house of entertainment, little need be said to recommend a visit during the holiday season, especially in view of the fact that a special series of pictures is being given. The theatre will be open on all days of the holiday, and on Christmas Eve there will be a special matinee and distribution of prizes at which there should be a very large attendance. After a day's enjoyment in the open air nothing could be nicer than a visit to the theatre, and that there will be a large demand for seats we feel sure.

Nobbs' Asthma Cure.

With the present cold weather prevailing one cannot take too much care of oneself, especially when the weather becomes really severe. The hotel is now being worked on most up-to-date lines, and visitors may be receiving every attention in

as unfortunate enough to be suffering from the complaint, there is nothing better than the use of Nobbs' Asthma Cure, which is announced to be the only genuine cure. It is obtainable at Messrs. A. S. Watson's and all chemists and patent medicine vendors.

H. P. Trotter and Son.

The above firm are too well known in the Colony to need much eloquent comment here, but, at the same time, it may be just to mention that they have in stock many of the choicest wines procurable. Any liquor which is fit for the table can be bought here, and purchasers will find themselves well satisfied.

The Carlton Hotel.

Comfort and cleanliness are features which are prominently identified with the Carlton Hotel, which may be described as a home from home. The management is always most solicitous for the welfare of residents and visitors alike, and those who drop in to this well-furnished during the festive season may count upon a most happy experience. On Christmas Day a special dinner is being served, and the menu will be one thoroughly in keeping with a time of merry feasting. As a residential hotel, the Carlton is gaining in popularity every day, and those who patronise it during the Christmastide will be able to see for themselves how well the regular residents are catered for.

The Dairy Farm.

There is no better known firm in the Colony than the Dairy Farm and at this time of the year one and all are thankful for the existence of such an organisation in our midst, as those things which are associated with a proper observance of the festive season are to be obtained just the same as at home. For the best quality poultry and other reasonable goods this firm stands pre-eminent in Hongkong, and it is perhaps needless to say more of a business house that has come to be an indispensable institution in our midst. As the next few days will witness a rush of orders it is advisable to give in one's requirements without delay to avoid disappointment.

The Grand Hotel.

The management at the Grand Hotel (which continues to grow in popularity) has made special arrangements for Christmas. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Christmas Day there will be a Champagne cup free to all comers, and also for ladies and gentlemen there will be a special menu for both residents and visitors. Another item must not be forgotten, and that is the orchestra will render selections of a reasonable character.

The British America Tobacco Company.

Smokers who draw in with delight the fragrant smoke this Yuletide might just cast a thought to the above firm who have supplied to the leading tobacconists in the Colony many of the best cigarettes there are on the market. It is a well-known fact that the inveterate smoker is very fidgetious. Give him a cigarette and watch the expression on his face after he has inhaled the first draw,—if he smiles and takes another then you can be sure that the weed is a good one. The Embassy, Pall Mall, and other cigarettes stocked by the above firm give pleasure to the smoker. Included in the stock the firm also has some splendid cigars and delightful tobacco, including the Amulet tobacco.

The Bijou Cinema.

Special arrangements have been made at the Bijou Theatre for Christmas, when special pictures will be screened. Amongst these will be the great detective drama "Fantom," in six parts, and on Christmas Night the operatic drama "Merry Widow." Other pictures just as delightful will be shown, and patrons will find that a very pleasant evening can be spent here.

Belle Vue Hotel.

The management of this popular hotel intends laying itself out to cater specially for Christmastide patrons, and those who are of a mind to take a run down to this nicely-situated bistro may count upon really good cuisine, attractively and promptly served. The hotel is now being worked on most up-to-date lines, and visitors may be

POST OFFICE

PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA.
On and after the 1st of January next the postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows:

\$1.50 for the first lb. or fraction thereof.
\$0.50 for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday the 25th Monday the 27th December and Saturday the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection and delivery of ordinary correspondence each day on Sunday.

There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence at 9 a.m. the 26th December and 1st January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

A portion of the mail from Europe which arrived by the Novara (including a quantity of novelties) has been received damaged by sea water owing to bad weather Nagasaki. No claims in respect of such damage can be entertained.

Ship in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:

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Correspondence addressed to every subject in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

MAILS DUE.

Australia, Empire, 2nd Dec.

Sabina, Ankara, 24th Dec.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Manchuria via Siberia—Per NOVARA 2nd Dec. 3 pm

Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 27th Dec.

Saigon—Per TELEMACUS 2nd Dec. 3 pm.

TO-MORROW.

Straits—Per LYCAON, 2nd Dec. 7 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Amoy & Tamsui—Per SOHSEU M. 2nd Dec. 7 a.m.

Pakhoi & Hainan—Per KAIFONG, 2nd Dec. 7 a.m.

Hoihow & Hainan—Per HONGKONG, 2nd Dec. 10 a.m.

Swatow—Bangkok—Per TUNGUS, 2nd Dec. 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China Japan via Moi, Victoria B.C. and Seattle & United Kingdom & Canada (Europe via Siberia) —Per YOKOHAMA M. 2nd Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 27th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Fochow—Per HAI-

TAN, 2nd Dec. 1 p.m.

Straits—Per WOLLOWRA, 2nd Dec. 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, 24th Dec.

Philippines—Per YUNISANG, 24th Dec. 2 p.m.

SATURDAY 25th Dec.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai North and China Europe via Siberia—Per CHENAN 2nd Dec. 9 a.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Wednesday, 29th Dec.)

Straits, Burma & India via Calcutta—Per KAGA M. 18th Dec. 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, 26th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Tamsui—Per DALIN M. 20th Dec. 9 a.m.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Yunnan—
City, 2nd Dec. Above 1000 feet
overflow

Yunnan—
City, 2nd Dec. Below 1000 feet
overflow

Yunnan—
City, 2nd Dec. Intermediate
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